Craig, Tuss win ASUM primary election

By Christopher Ramsick
Kaimin Reporter

Mike Craig and Howard Crawford will face Paul Tuss and Mary McLeod next week for the leadership of ASUM after winning the ASUM primary yesterday.

Craig and Crawford received 356 votes, about 31 percent of the vote, while Tuss and McLeod received 322 votes, or 28 percent.

Jeff Shipp and Shawn Gillen received 245 votes, about 22 percent, while Scott Tempel and Ken Crippen garnered 201 votes, about 18 percent.

Joe Boyer, ASUM Elections Committee chairman, said 1,150 students voted in the election, representing about 13 percent of the total student body.

The candidates were required to have a majority of the vote. Those who did not advance to the runoff will not be eligible to run in the general election.

In addition, the committee members said they received over 1,000 write-in votes for candidates, which will be counted in the general election.

STUDENTS GATHER AT the polls to vote for the ASUM presidential candidates and running mates in the primary election yesterday. Thirteen percent of the UM student body showed up to vote.

CB accepts amended budget recommendation

By Tamara Mohawk and Adina Lindgren
Kaimin Reporter

Central Board last night finalized an amended version of the ASUM Executive Committee's recommendation as next year's budget after more than five hours of debate.

Seven out of 59 recommended group budgets were altered from the original executive recommendation.

The recommendation was made earlier this month, was used by CB as a starting point for final budgeting.

The committee consists of the ASUM president, vice president, and business manager.

The 1988-89 executive budget recommendation called for no money to be given to 12 student groups, and recommended funding less than 15 percent of the amount requested by four groups.

The recommendation funded four groups for as much as they requested.

Early in the meeting CB rejected the executive recommendation to fund the student centers.

Controller's office accountant 'bumps' ASUM accountant

By Terry Brenner
Kaimin Reporter

Because of forced budget cuts at UM, a new game is being played on campus. It's called "bumping," and any staff member governed by the Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA) can play.

It goes like this: The administration tells a department it must cut a position in job classification I. The Department warns its roster and finds that in classification I, employee A has less seniority. So employee A receives a layoff notice, warning him that his job ends in 30 days.

Employee A has five days to choose one of two options. He can apply for a position in a new creation, the layoff pool, or he can "bump" employee B, the person anywhere on campus who has the least seniority in the same job classification as employee A. The object of the game is job protection for employees with seniority.

Right now UM has two players, Gary Como and Brenda Perry, according to Irene Peterson, president of the MPEA chapter on campus. Como and Perry classify as accounting specialist I. Como works in the Controller's Office, Perry, for ASUM.

Como said he received a layoff notice on Feb. 10. Rather than apply for the layoff pool, he decided to "bump" Perry.

"It wasn't a move that I enjoyed making," he said. "I like Brenda too much. She's a nice person. But with a wife and three kids, I couldn't afford to go into the layoff pool. I need a job."

LaNette Fowler, who is in charge of classification and training for the EO/Personnel office on campus, said to her knowledge Como is the first UM employee to exercise his bumping right even though the collective bargaining agreement has included it for at least five years. The layoff pool, though, is new since the latest bargaining agreement in July 1985, she said.

Had Como applied for the layoff pool, he would have been eligible, like the other employees in the pool, for any vacancy on campus for which he is minimally qualified, Fowler said. The person hiring for that vacancy must take someone from the layoff pool "or have very good reasons not to," she said. A person can stay in the layoff pool for a year without losing seniority — longer with an extension.

ASUM's Perry, being the lowest ranking accounting specialist I on campus, has no one to bump. She has applied for the layoff pool.

But, she said, "I'm working on my options."

She would not specify those, nor would she say how she feels about losing her job.

I definitely have my opinions," she said, "but there's so much happening. It gets blown out of proportion, it could come back and affect me."

Greg Gullickson, ASUM business manager and Perry's immediate supervisor, said ASUM is looking for a loophole to protect Perry's job.

He noted that Perry's position is student-funded, while the university budget covers Como's position in the Controller's Office. Gullickson said bumping across budget boundaries may not be legal.

However, ASUM President Bill Mercer said talks with EO/Personnel have dashed hopes for that loophole. The MPEA contract supercedes budget boundaries, he said, and permits campus-wide bumping for all MPEA employees.

Mercer said he's concerned about losing Perry because she has continuity to an office staff plagued with short-term
MontPIRG Claptrap

If I had a nickel for every inch of space I've devoted to a discourse on the issue of the Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG), I'd have enough money to pay them the $3 they try to extort from me every quarter. Unfortunately, I haven't been as successful as MontPIRG has in running financial scams.

The controversy surrounding MontPIRG stems not so much from the organization itself, but rather from the method used to bankroll its activities. If you listen to MontPIRG mouthpieces, the negative check-off system (currently employed by MontPIRG) is infinitely just. A positive check-off, whereby students indicate that they wish to support MontPIRG, is derided by PIRGies as a fascist victory over democratic ideals.

The campus left will try to tell you that the issue is not MontPIRG's funding system, but "a question of whether students have the right to organize democratically." The real issue involves student rights. Regardless of whether a majority of students voted to support MontPIRG four years ago and despite the fact that a "majority" signed a petition thrust in their faces by some repulsive PIRGies, the fact remains that MontPIRG's funding system is an affront to free expression.

Unfortunately for MontPIRG, we live in a republic not a democracy. In simple terms this means that "majority rule" is not the foundation for American civil liberties. Individual liberty is guaranteed by the Constitution, not by some mass of voters. In this way we avoid the "mobocracy" dreamed of by the collectivists in MontPIRG.

Campus collectivists can't even maintain consistency in their arguments. After gushing over democracy, the left bemoans the fact that MontPIRG failed under a donation system. If we may view donations as votes in favor of MontPIRG, then wasn't their failure a triumph for democracy? And when the Board of Regents voted 6-1 to revoke MontPIRG's negative check-off, wasn't that a victory for the left's treasured ideal of majority rule?

MontPIRG supporters have never answered the basic question: If MontPIRG is as popular as you claim, why won't students support it voluntarily? I asked this of MontPIRG Chairman John Higgins and he responded that either MontPIRG's support was not as strong as they believed or else there was something wrong with the donation system. Considering how many organizations flourish under a purely voluntary donation system, I wonder which reason is correct.

Student Regent Dave Paoli said at the time he voted to change MontPIRG's funding system that it would give MontPIRG the opportunity to prove to its critics that it did indeed have widespread support and would continue to thrive under a voluntary funding system. MontPIRG, however, fears Paoli's challenge and now like a spoiled child threatens to pick up its toys and go home if you don't let them have their way and vote in favor of continued exortion. I say good riddance.

MontPIRG relies on a limited budget. It is a fact that in today's world, it is impossible to have a viable student newspaper, a current student radio station, and a student television channel. The lack of funds is due to the students' unwillingness to pay into a voluntary funding system. But once students are charged, they will not tolerate the invasion of their privacy of their dorm rooms.

In the name of the law, University of Montana dormitory residents will no longer be able to watch rented movies in their dormitory lounges.

Editorial

A New York law firm recently sent a letter to UM President Neil Bucklew informing him that the university was violating federal copyright laws by showing rented movies in a public place. How a New York law firm found out some dorm students in Missoula were committing such a heinous crime may never be known. Why does the firm even care?

Fearing a lawsuit, the university quit allowing the students to gather for all-night movie sessions in the lounges.

The movies were shown for those students who can't afford to pay the $5 charge at the theaters, for those who can't afford or are not old enough to get the bars and for those who simply like to gather with friends to watch a few movies in a college setting.

Dorm residents are still allowed to rent and show movies in the privacy of their rooms but the old system was much more convenient and sensible. Not many students have the money or the space in their small dorm rooms for a large screen television like those in the lounges. It is also difficult to cram 15 friends in a small dorm room to share the excitement of Rambo or Mad Max.

The law firm says the lounges are public places therefore, the copyright laws are broken whenever the movies are shown there. This shouldn't be.

The students who live in the dorms are living in an apartment building where they pay rent. And although it is true that other students may enter the dorms, the movies shown there are primarily for the residents.

These movies were actually being shown in the students' living rooms. Therefore, does a student who lives in an apartment off campus and invites a group of friends over to watch a few movies and drink a few beers violate the copyright laws? Do fraternity, sorority or the Elks Club violate the same laws when their members gather to watch rented movies?

The questions are valid and the law is open to interpretation and will remain that way until a precedent is established. The UM administration understandably doesn't want to run the risk of being involved in an expensive lawsuit.

To designate the lounges as private areas, the dormitories should each year charge some trust worthy souls $1 each to call the lounges their private residences. A verbal agreement could be made to ensure that all residents would be able to use the lounges.

As long as no admission is charged, no copyright laws would be broken, the university would be safe from litigation and the students could have their all-night movie sessions.

Kevin Twidwell

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed

Bradley S. Burt

Mercer Makes Good

The tail end of Bill Mercer's presidency has been marked by hysteria on the left. The poor man is harassed by bastards anxious for a scoop; his own Student Action Center is involved in a conflict of interest by sponsoring an ASUM budget forum (no doubt in the hopes of gaining support for refunding SAC) and leftists are crawling out from under every rock on campus to oppose Mercer's budget cuts.

I have not been enamored of Mercer's policies in the past, however, his recent budget recommendations took guts, especially in the face of campus reactionaries who oppose all change whether it be in the food service, Central Board or what have you. Progress and change have become the hallmark of campus living while the left fights tooth and nail to preserve the status quo. Don't worry Bill; we shall overcome.

Bradley S. Burt is a senior in history.

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MontPIRG vote

EDITOR: I am writing to urge all students to vote in the MontPIRG referendum. The referendum is taking place the rest of this week. Wednesday in the UC, Thursday in the Library and Law School, and Friday in the Food Service during lunch and dinner.

The reason why this referendum is taking place is because the Board of Regents have changed the MontPIRG fee to a donation system (i.e. from a negative check-off to a positive check-off) effective this fall.

MontPIRG will not accept a positive check-off but will accept the proposed fee that students are voting on in this referendum. This fee would be an optional fee (similar to the fee we have now in that you can refuse to pay it in some fashion — a negative check-off) collected for MontPIRG by ASUM. So the big difference between the fee we have now on our course request forms and the fee proposed on the referendum is who will be collecting the fee for MontPIRG. Right now President Bucklew's office collects the fee, if the fee proposed on the referendum is approved then ASUM will collect the fee.

I encourage students who support MontPIRG and all its activities to vote yes on the referendum. Please vote.

Julie Foshender
Senior, Political Science

Thanks

EDITOR: I would like to thank the UM. MontPIRG (over 2,000) who signed petitions calling for a referendum on the proposed MontPIRG fee. The referendum is taking place this week and MontPIRG needs your support again.

Please vote yes in the referendum.

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EDITOR: I am running this ad because I am the official chairman of the Coordinating Council for The Handicapped that I was able to help a group of individuals learn about their rights and responsibility to spread the news. We had a strong group of young people who seem not to care any more about Advancement of students. We are trying to keep in contact with them.

The students at U of M have their own paper which allows them the freedom of expression, and if they keep an interest freedom will live on.

It is because of my years at U of M that I received encouragement to keep trying. It is because of the interest shown by a few faculty members that I am able to give talks in classes at U of M when I visit. It was also because of the interest shown by a few that I am on a national committee today. It was because of the news media that much of this occurred.

I am attending Billings today because of a demonstration I gave at my national committee. It was because of news coverage that I am where I am. It will be because of news coverage that I will get further. Remind the students that it is because of news that they will get involved.

Michael Mahanken

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School of Education. When one presents negative comments about MontPIRG similar to the current fee system. The difference between the system we have now and the system proposed by the referendum is that ASUM will collect the fee for MontPIRG instead of President Bucklew's office.

Again, thanks for signing the petitions. Please be sure to vote yes.

Tiffany Knapert
Junior, Journalism

Unprofessional

EDITOR: Let me clarify some things for the record.

1. I noted to the reporter that I was RETIRING from the university for several reasons: a. another job opportunity, b. the excellent retirement program the state has, c. other professional responsibilities, d. and events within the department and university these past years.

2. Both my FEE and student evaluations for the past year were excellent.

3. My concern was with the "ad hoc" supposed evaluation procedures set up by the department chair. Procedures that were not a part of the union contract. Procedures that were not discussed or voted upon by the department faculty. His words "potential problems" certainly need to be noted in detail. They have not been.

4. The 1984 negative student evaluations constituted only 6%

5. I discussed unprofessionalism on the part of certain faculty, citing two instances by one professor, namely Von Kustner of the

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ASUM members go to Houston meeting

By Tamara Mohawk
Kaimin Reporter

ASUM spent $1,751.50 to send Vice President Amy Johnson, Business Manager Greg Gallikson and CB member Dan Henderson to a student government conference this past week in Houston.

ASUM President Bill Mercer said the three ASUM student government members — all of whose terms end this month — will pass along information learned at the conference to next year’s ASUM officers.

Although Henderson is not an executive officer, he is running unopposed for next year’s ASUM business manager.

The three ASUM students who went on the trip said it was well spent. Gallikson said, “I really hope it’s something ASUM gets in the habit of sending people to.”

There were only three ASUM representatives from campuses across the country. They said the information will be passed on to corresponding University of Montana student groups.

Henderson said the various student governments represented at the conference were compared. “We found that ASUM is a very progressive student government,” he said.

ASUM is financially independent of the UM administration, unlike many student governments, he said, adding that Montana university and college students have a strong voice in Board of Regents actions.

However, Gallikson said that while ASUM is financially independent from the UM administration, “it still has a long way to go” in improving its fiscal policy and budgeting procedures.

Henderson said the ASUM Constitution, a revision of which is now up for approval, is “a charade.”

Johnson said the Constitution Review Board, which made much of the proposed revisions last fall, should have looked at the constitutions of other student governments for examples that would have made ASUM’s better.

Henderson said during a workshop on student government publications boards, he got suggestions on how to improve the ASUM Publications Board, and how to improve relations between ASUM and the Kaimin.

He said the ASUM Publications Board should be used as a forum for students to voice their concerns about the student newspapers, but it should not have editorial control.

Other issues of student government were examined as well. Mercer said that although the conference comes near the end of the current administration, ASUM sent students to the conference because it was “one we’d be good about.”

Mercer said that timing and costs prevented ASUM student government representatives from attending other conferences throughout the term. He cited current reduced air fare rates as one reason for attending the conference this past week.

Fees for the conference, which ran last Saturday through Tuesday, were $240. The remaining $1,511.50 of ASUM money for the trip went to travel, lodging and meal costs. Of that money, $921 was for airfare.

Anti-Tuss letter mars presidential election

By Brian Justice
Kaimin Reporter

Yesterday’s ASUM presidential primary didn’t go as smoothly as planned when copies of a letter opposing one of the candidates was distributed in the UC Mall by a UM student.

The letter, signed by Diane Ruth Louise Lamar, a graduate student in anthropology, attacks Paul Tuss as well as Margaret Miller, Phoenix vice president, Kaimin Editor Tim Huneck and Kaimin News Editor Faith Conroy. The letter criticized them for allegedly attacking then-ASUM President Bill Mercer in the Kaimin.

Lamar said in the letter that Tuss is tied to what she called the “Kaimin’s daily character assassination of Bill Mercer.”

Lamar was distributing copies by the poll booths where Joe Boyer, ASUM Elections Committee chairman, ordered her to leave or else campus security would be called to remove her. She then left.

Lamar distributed the copies near the polling places in the Student Union and at the ASUM Constitution, Boyer said.

The letter states that Tuss claimed in a recent Kaimin profile that he will have the “Kaimin at his disposal” if elected as ASUM president.

Huneck said, “I really resent her libeling Paul Tuss.”

He said, quoting from the letter, “Paul Tuss grandly tells us in yesterday’s Kaimin that the Kaimin is at his personal disposal.”

He added that Tuss “said no such thing.”

He said sarcastically, “I don’t know what Kam’s she’s reading.”

Tuss said he is perplexed why anyone would think the letter “I think it was really unfortunate,” he said. “I have no idea why I’m involved in the letter.”

Tuss said he doesn’t think the letter took any votes away from him and Mary McLeod, his running mate, in the ASUM primary yesterday. He and Mike Craig won the primary.

Central America trip startles Turk into action

By Dan Black
Kaimin Reporter

“Now more than ever, because of what I’ve seen, I’ve got to do something. I can tell,” said Bunch Turk, a Missoula peace activist who recently traveled through Central America, said recently.

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Turk joined about 400 people from 30 different countries in a six-week journey through Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama to promote peace in the region. The group traveled with March for Peace in Central America, journeyed from Panama City to Mexico City.

A high point in the trip, Turk said, was when the group participated in a demonstration in Guatemala City with the Group of Mutual Support, a non-violent group from Guatemala made up of family members of people who have disappeared and are thought to have been murdered because of their political beliefs.

Turk said his group feared that the military would have broken up the march, killed many people, if the two groups hadn’t banded together and held a demonstration on Guatemala’s presidential inauguration day.

The election process that brought in the new president, Turk said, was considered by human rights observers to be non-democratic because political campaigns were hampered by numerous disappearances and unexplained murders.

Turk said Guatemala is asking for U.S. military support and that U.S. Vice President George Bush, who was in Guatemala for the inauguration, endorsed the new government. But Turk said the disappearances have continued. At least six people disappeared in one week after the march, he said.

Turk also said that his visit to El Salvador was important. Turk said he was told by officials at the U.S. Embassy in San Salvador that the Salvadoran government doesn’t bomb villages or towns. However, he said, when he told this to refugees in San Salvador, they laughed.

Turk said he was told through an interpreter that almost all the people in a refugee camp he visited were forced to leave their homes because they were bombed by the government.

“The bombs that were described to me,” he said, “could only have been napalm or something that burns similarly.”

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“When I asked one woman from the camp what she would like to tell the American people, she said, ‘Ask the people in pray for us.’ I expected her to say something like stop sending bombs and planes to the government.”

Turk said that he will continue to bring Central American issues and the attention of the public by talking to the media and addressing groups interested in U.S. policy in Central America.
Richardson admits to agent he used cocaine

New York(AP)—The agent for Michael Ray Richardson said yesterday the New Jersey Nets star guard, banned for life by the NBA for drug abuse, now admits he used cocaine.

Tuesday, when NBA Commissioner David Stern announced Richardson's permanent dismissal from the league, agent Charles Grantham said Richardson had "categorically" denied taking drugs and that he wanted to appeal the ban.

But yesterday, Grantham said, "You've got to understand, denial is a major part of the illness."

After hours of spending time with him, Grantham said Richardson admitted his drug use.

"That's what it is," Grantham said of Richardson's admission. "We will not contest the validity of the NBA's action.

Grantham, who termed Rich­ardson as "ill," said, "My im­mediate concern is for Michael's well-being as a person."

The Nets, who have paid for Richardson's drug treatment since 1983, said they will continue to do so for an indefinite period.

Nets executive vice president Lewis Schaffel said the organiz­ation will continue to help, wheth­er it's with rehabilitation or clini­cal care.

"Just because he has stopped playing for the Nets doesn't mean we will stop supporting him as a person," Schaffel said.

The Nets have paid for Richardson's drug treatment since 1983.

Tuesday Richardson became the first active NBA player banned from the league for drug abuse after testing positive for cocaine.

It was the third time in two years he had tested positive.

As a team, UM posted a 12-4 record in dual meets and placed first in the Rocky Mountain Tournament, second in the Bee­hive Tournament and third in the Oregon Classic Tournament. These marks can be tempered as group successes.

But as Bliss has been saying for the past week, despite the individual and team marks, his squad won't call the season a success unless they win the Big Sky title.

For Hughes, the defending 167-pound Big Sky champion who will try and repeat his feat Saturday, individual and team success are one in the same.

"The way I look at it," he said, "the winning the individual title would enhance the team's chances at a title.

"If I don't repeat, then I don't think I wrestled up to my capabil­ity."

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Doctor tells students of V.D. symptoms

By Mike Dawson

Chlamydia is the most common sexually transmitted disease treated at the University of Montana Health Service, followed by herpes, gonorrhea and cervical cancer, a UM Student Health Service doctor said as a recent Food for Thought lecture.

Chlamydia symptoms are similar to gonorrhea. Dr. John Buckner told the audience of five people. Symptoms include swollen and irritated urethra in both sexes and inflammation of the cervix in women.

UM Health Service treated 21 cases of chlamydia in January. A person may catch chlamydia but never suffer symptoms, he said.

"The sneaky thing" about the disease, Buckner said, is that a person may contract it, show no symptoms, infect sexual partners for months or years and then possibly become infected long after initial contact.

Up to 90 percent of the women and 60 percent (to 70 percent of men who come in contact with the chlamydia may never be infected before it finally dies off in the body, he said.

But a person has a 50-50 chance of catching the disease every time he or she has sexual contact with someone who carries it, Buckner said.

If treated early, chlamydia leaves no permanent damage on the body and is easily countered with antibiotics, Buckner said.

But with time it can migrate from a woman's cervix to the fallopian tubes, causing scarring and infertility, he said.

Chlamydia may be the number one cause of infertility in women, he said.

Condoms are the best defense against chlamydia, gonorrhea and most sexually transmitted diseases except herpes simplex and warts, Buckner said.

"A lot of people frown highly on condoms," he said, "but it is highly recommended to use a condom in beginning relationships."

The diaphragm may prevent the same infections because it covers the cervix where most diseases first attack women. Birth control pills may increase chances of infection because the mucous dam protecting the cervix is reduced.

UM Health Service treated five new cases of herpes simplex virus in January, Buckner said.

Herpes simplex, a "nuisance virus," does not cause internal damage to the body, he said, but causes open sores on centralized areas of the skin surface.

Buckner referred to herpes simplex as a nuisance because the outbreak of sores recurs periodically for the rest of the victim's life, he said.

Once a herpes virus is contracted, the person never gets rid of it, he said.

Everyone has had one form or another of herpes virus, which includes chicken pox, mononucleosis and simples, he said.

He added that almost everyone carries herpes simplex type one, which usually begins as cold sores on the mouth at age two or three.

Herpes simplex type two is usually stronger than the body's immune system, varying in each person, but strong enough to keep recurring, he said.

Herpes travel when an open sore caused by the virus infects an area of another person's skin.

The virus lives in the nerve roots, Buckner said, and cannot be spread unless it is at the skin surface in a forming or open blister.

The virus travels from the nerve root to the surface when the skin is heated and especially if friction is also applied, he said.

Professor says love of wilderness doesn't conflict with Christian ideals

By John Engen

A love of wilderness and nature is not in conflict with Christian tradition, and Christians must work and pray for "eco-justice," a University of Montana assistant professor of religious studies said Wednesday.

Though Paul Dietrich said that the Christian faith is generally considered to be "ecologically bankrupt," it is not alone as an abuser of the environment, and in some of its traditions are from environmentally unsound.

Before the Renunciation and Reformation — when humans were regarded individually and apart from nature — Dietrich said medieval Christians had "an understanding of the self as communal" and believed humans were "in connection with nature."

These early Christians had a philosophy that was "creation-centered," and this tradition has generally been ignored in post-Reformation thought.

Dietrich said this tradition included a belief that God was incarnate in nature and nature was a "manifestation of God."

The teaching of Jesus Christ in a sense represented a new view of nature in that "the kingdom of God is here and now," Dietrich said. This view, he added, "differed profoundly from the worldview of the time," which was that the world was a prison and the only escape was death.

The Christian alternative is "much more positive," Dietrich said.

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Gonorrhea can be prevented with a condom and cured with penicillin, he said.

UM Health Service treated one case of cervical cancer last month. Buckner said the nursing staff is responsible for the low rate of cervical cancer on campus because of the thorough examinations women receive when they go in for check-ups.

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Phoenix asks District 1 for bus

By Dan Black

The Phoenix organization is asking School District 1 officials to provide bus transportation for an estimated 200 children who live in University of Montana family housing.

Phoenix coordinator Steve Devitt recently sent a letter to the district business manager Don Pettit asking him to consider providing transportation for the children who go a mile or more to school.

The Board of Trustees is reviewing the entire Missoula school system transportation program, according to Pettit, who said he will bring the issue up with board members in committee meetings. Pettit said he regularly serves as a liaison between the school administration and the school district.

Devitt said he spoke with Pettit because of the problem students have in getting to school while attending UM.

"Financially it's a burden, to pay for gas, and also the time," Devitt said. "It's a real strain on a lot of people." He said the problem came to his attention from people living in the area. The current Phoenix newsletter that is sent to about 2,400 non-traditional students—those older than 24 or have a family—urges students to call or write school officials to support a school bus route from family housing.

Pettit said all routes are being considered and the seven members of the board will make final decisions before April 11.

Devitt said state law requires the school system to provide transportation for children living 3 miles or more from school. But he added that the schools may provide transportation to family housing if board members see a need.

Experts say Frisco AIDS care is best

By Greg Tolletson

Adequate care for the growing number of AIDS victims requires the kind of community support and public education programs shown in San Francisco, according to experts speaking at a recent conference in Seattle.

More than 200 health professionals from throughout the Northwest attended the two-day conference, convoked by the University of Washington Medical School, the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health and the Seattle-Sexually Transmitted Disease Training Program. Speakers at the conference addressed a variety of AIDS-related issues, including current research efforts, the worldwide epidemic and physical and psychological manifestations of the disease.

The focus of the conference, however, was clearly on providing for the needs of those who have contracted the disease. Speakers repeatedly emphasized that quality care for AIDS victims is not found in public education and community support.

Nearly 17,000 individuals, primarily male gay males, are known to have AIDS at this time, according to Dr. Thomas C. Quinn, associate professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins University. This translates, he said, into a problem that all communities are eventually going to face.

In addition to the normal difficulties of coping with a fatal illness, AIDS victims must deal with a series of practical and emotional issues unique to the disease, according to Dr. Terrence Gayle, psychiatry professor at the University of Washington.

Uncertainty and misinformation about AIDS cause anxiety and anger in victims, Gayle said, compounded by isolation resulting from fear of contagion and the stigmatization of revealing sexual orientation.

AIDS victims also suffer from guilt over their sexual preference and the unwitting transmission of the disease to past partners, sometimes causing victims to doubt their own sexual identity, he said.

Another issue facing AIDS victims, he said, is that "this disease hits people during the early or middle portion of the normal life cycle, (shuttering anticipated fulfillment and achievement)." AIDS victims, either because of their sexual orientation or the stigma attached to the disease, are often without the normal extended family and support systems that would assist them in coping with these problems, he said.

"As a result, AIDS patients show a much greater than expected number of crises in everyday problems," Gayle concluded.

In San Francisco, the continuos interface of AIDS is helping victims deal with the emotional and practical aspects of the disease, as well as affording them some choice in their course of treatment, according to Dr. Donald Abrams, assistant director of the San Francisco General Hospital AIDS Clinic.

San Francisco's unique response can be traced to a large and politically influential gay population, Abrams said.

"In San Francisco, educating the public has not been a problem because the public wants to know," he added.

As an example, Abrams compared newspaper coverage of AIDS in San Francisco with that in New York City which has roughly the same percentage of AIDS cases in the total population. In 1984, San Francisco newspapers published 154 AIDS-related stories, while New York newspapers published 50, he said. The issue is so important in San Francisco, he said, that in 1985 one reporter wrote 175 AIDS stories.

San Francisco General Hospital is the focal point of AIDS treatments in the Bay area, but numerous agencies and private groups also provide vital services, Abrams said. The San Francisco Department of Public Health has established an AIDS Activity Office to coordinate and oversee the various AIDS services, identify needed funds, he said.

A significant portion of these funds comes directly from the city coffers of San Francisco, including $7.4 million in 1984-85, Abrams said. He compared that to $10,000,000 spent by New York City, over the same period, for twice the number of AIDS cases.

"This city has realistically moved away from a focus on the disease," he said. "This has made us into a kind of mecca for AIDS patients who are unable to find adequate care elsewhere," he said.

The San Francisco General Hospital AIDS Clinic, which opened in 1982 with one doctor and two nurses, now has nine full-time physicians and 33 other professional staff people, Abrams said. In addition to patient care, the clinic is involved in many aspects of AIDS research, he added.

According to Abrams, the clinic offers the "best possible care" because the entire staff is "closely attuned to the needs of AIDS patients." Many of the nursing staff, he claimed, are as knowledgeable of AIDS as most physicians, thus affording each patient continual excellent care.

"We are trying to provide patients with comprehensive, sensitive care, without giving anyone the feeling that they are in a leper colony," he said.

Additional assistance for patients is provided by community groups which coordinate services, find housing, provide counseling and handle paperwork, Abrams said. He singled out the SHANTI Project, a group formed to assist gay men and women with terminal disease, as "one of the most important resources for AIDS victims."

The SHANTI Project now focuses most of its effort on AIDS, he said, and offers counseling, residence programs, and practical help in association with Hospice of San Francisco.

The combined public and private effort in San Francisco has drastically reduced the cost of providing care to AIDS victims, according to Abrams. The average cost for caring for one patient through the course of the disease is estimated at $140,000 nationwide, he said, while in San Francisco the cost is now about $30,000 per patient.

Abrams attributed this difference to the reduced dependence on hospital services in San Francisco. AIDS patient use of intensive care wards in San Francisco is "practically nonexistent," he said.

Abrams pointed out that the average hospitalization of AIDS patients in New York City is 50 days, compared to 11 days in San Francisco.

"We have shown that alienation and social isolation are not necessary," he said. "We have done a lot, but we must still try harder."

The San Francisco effort reaches beyond confirmed AIDS cases and provides extensive education programs for the high risk groups, Abrams said. The AIDS Health Project has been formed to conduct informational programs on lifestyle changes and stress reduction to help the gay community understand and adjust to AIDS threat, he explained. The success of the effort, he added, can be measured by the drastic reduction in vaccine-related disease among the local gay population over the last two years.

Despite the successes, Abrams cautioned that AIDS remains the most serious health problem in San Francisco.
Student study problems in Honduras

By Tamara Mohawk
Kearns Reporter

High on a mountainside over San Pedro Sula, Honduras, huge, white block letters spell out “Cola-Cola.”

The sign is as striking as the “HOLLYWOOD” sign in the hills of Los Angeles, according to Pat Ortmeier, a University of Montana student who spent the last Fall Quarter’s course on Central America, recently spent world hunger.

Ortmeier won the trip to Honduras and Nicaragua in a national contest organized by San Francisco State University’s Global Food Network.

Ortmeier said she is putting together a slide show and will give lectures on campus and across Montana, based in part on what she learned in Central America.

The Coca-Cola sign over San Pedro Sula refers to the American influence in Honduras, Ortmeier said, adding that the American commercial and military presence is one of the country’s main problems.

“The people feel like they are being used—and they are,” she said, adding that there is a “transform hold from multinational corporations” on the country.

Another of the country’s severe problems is a greatly uneven distribution of land between the very wealthy and the very poor, Ortmeier said.

Stretching away from the mountains near San Pedro Sula, and across the country are huge private estates with swimming pools and extensive lands, she said.

But not many miles away peasant farmers, having no other place to go, illegally occupy and tend parcels of land on former plantations, she said.

On one plantation, the said, the peasants won legal rights to the land but they continue to be harassed by the former land owners.

The peasants live in “shacks made of scrapwood or anything else they can find,” she said.

Many of the people are inflicted with malaria, parasites, dysentery and starvation, she said.

The peasants grow pineapples, bananas, coffee and cotton, but the most of the crops are exported, leaving little for Honduras to live on.

Ortmeier also said hunger and healthcare problems are evident in Nicaragua, but for entirely different reasons.

Progress has been made in Nicaragua since the Sandinistas have controlled the government, she said.

The distribution of land between peasants and the wealthy is more equitable now and Nicaragua President Daniel Ortega travels around the country once a week to talk with the peasants.

The government still devotes much money to the conflict with the contras, who are battling the Sandinistas, rather than to food and healthcare programs for Nicaraguans, she said.

She added that she was told that the government is forced to have a war budget to fight a war it never chose to enter.

“People know there are world hunger problems, but they don’t know the specifics,” she said.

“Americans should see firsthand how overwhelming the problems are.5

She said her lectures will focus on hunger problems in the Mon-tana and the United States.

“My people tend to forget that there are hunger problems right here at home,” Ortmeier said.

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By Tamara Mohawk
Kearns Reporter

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Some of the pavement was removed last fall to allow for construction of the Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Bob McCauley, general superintendent for Washington Construction, said drainage by the road was blocked when the pavement was removed. Because water collected on the road, he added, it created the large potholes and ruts.

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that was not recommended for the executive commit-
tee.

ASUM Business Manager Greg Gullickson said the project should be funded because "we have to stay on the front lines of non-traditional students and their children," he said.

But CB member Mike Craig, a member of the ASUM Child Care Committee, voted against funding the project.

"Believe me, I am very much for this project," he said. But he said other groups, like SAC and the Women's Resource Center, need the money more.

CB also budgeted more money than the executive committee suggested for the Women's Re-
source Center and Campus Recreation.

Silvertop Skydivers and the Women's rugby team both rec-
ceived additional cuts from the executive recommendation. The rugby team lost all funding and the skydivers lost $393 that was used to buy new equipment.

CB did fund the yearbook for $17,163.64 for next year, as the executive committee's recommen-
dation, after lengthy debate and two attempts to eliminate or re-
duce the funding.

CB members argued about whether there is enough student interest in a yearbook and whether the yearbook could find other means of funding.

The recommended funding for ASUM Programming was also debated, but left untouched. An effort to cut $10,000 from Programming's $85,412.72 recom-

mended budget failed by a vote of 10 to 12.

Funding for the Forensics Team was also debated, but a proposal to eliminate the recom-

mended funding for the group, $5,790, failed 6 to 16.

An attempt was made to cut $18,000 from the ASUM news-
letter but failed seven to 15. As-

ments for the amendment were that ASUM should inform stu-
dents of its activities through the Kamin. The majority sided that cutting printing funds would in-
crease the communication gap between the students and 
ASUM.

The Wilderness Studies Informa-
tion Center was given $5015 to fund a student director who would solicit and administrate funds. The center had originally asked for more money to fund a professional director. However, another amendment killed that action because Wilderness Stud-
ies representatives said the money was not enough nor could a director perform the needed duties.

Two amendments were tabled to increase funding for Jazz,

bands; both failed.

After each amendment during the meeting a motion was made to vote on the current executive recommendation. It finally passed 14 to seven after the meet-
ing's fourth recess.

However, the executive recom-

mendation acceptance came be-
fore several controversial sub-
jects, such as funding for the 
Wilderness Institute, the year-
book, the Kamin, or SAC, were 
settled or even debated.

CB member Mike Craig said, "I don't think the students have been represented here. I think the budget should be resubmitted in a more equitable and reasonable fashion.''

Both Craig and CB member Paul Tuss, who are ASUM presi-
dential candidates, said the 

budget should not have been ac-
cepted, but said CB members were frustrated by the executive recommendation.